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June 21, 2005

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration

Re: MUR 5661

Dear Mr. Jordan;

I am in receipt of your letter of June 8, 2005 regarding the above complaint from an associate of our opponent. I have attached separate Affidavits from Keith Butler (with two appropriate exhibits) and George Bridges, the friend who created our Exploratory Committee website referenced in the complaint. My letter is sworn to as well. I believe the Affidavits and exhibits directly provide the facts and address the allegations in the complaint. If you have questions or any matter needs clarification or further amplification, please let me know. The filing due July 15th, our first filing, will report the expenses and revenues of the exploratory and the campaign phases of this undertaking, as required by law. The Complaint should be dismissed on the facts and law.

After a four month exploratory period, Bishop Butler decided to announce his decision to run for the U.S. Senate at a series of press conferences beginning April 12. A statement of candidacy was timely filed at that time. The rules, as I understand them, are that the Candidate does not have to file a statement of candidacy unless and until the decision is made to run. If he chooses not to run after an exploratory effort, then nothing is done.

If the Candidate decides to run, he must establish a committee, file a statement, and make regular filings with your office at the prescribed times regarding his revenue and expenses. Anything the Candidate did during the exploratory phase must be included in that first filing. The first filing period after his decision to run on April 12th ends June 30th. The filing is due July 15th. As the Treasurer of the campaign, it is my responsibility to make that filing and include with the regular

campaign expenses and revenues all of the revenue and expenses of the four month exploratory effort. This will be done in the time and manner required by your agency's rules.

Mr. Jordan, thank you for sending us the Complaint in order to get our response and for reviewing the attached material. If you or your office needs any further clarification or more information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

George R. Archer, Jr.

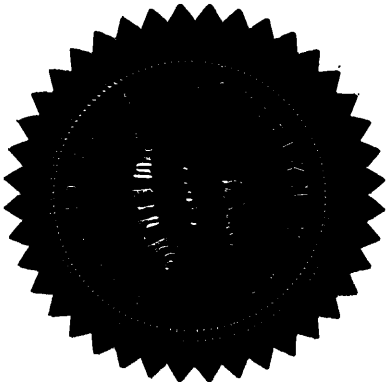
George R. Archer, Jr.
Treasurer, Keith Butler for U.S. Senate

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 21ST day of JUNE, 2005

Joycelyn Ward

NOTARY PUBLIC, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 11-18-2010

JOYCELYN WARD
Notary Public - Michigan
Oakland County
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